

THE SHORT LINE HAS A BAD WRECK

Engine and Cars Smashed and
Track Torn Up.

LOSS AMOUNTS TO \$100,000.

Engineers, Fireman and Brakeman
Jumped and Saved their Lives
—Traffic Delayed.

A loss of near \$100,000 was sustained by the Oregon Short Line yesterday in a wreck which occurred near the Highland Boy smelters. Luckily the loss was confined to property, but that no lives were lost was simply a matter of luck, for all the elements of danger associated with a wreck were present.

Fireman Louis Rucker and Brakeman "Albie" Barker were somewhat bruised and scratched as a result of jumping, but the net probably saved their lives. The engineer also escaped in the same manner and came off without injury.

A gravel train of 40 cars was coming up from the point of the mountain and ran into ten cars standing on the main track. Five of these cars were smashed beyond redemption and three of them were so badly broken up that they will have to be almost made new in order to be useful again.

For a distance of thirty feet the track was entirely ripped up and for a considerable additional distance the rails were made to look almost like corkscrews. Cars were scattered right and left and the engine, No. 68, plunged into the slough at the side of the track. When the engine sank that was going to strike the standing cars he reversed the engine and jumped. The momentum of the forty cars coming down the slight grade, however, was too great to be checked so suddenly, and the brakes on the train failed to work, properly the engine slid upon the reversed drivers into the standing cars with such force as to cause the damage stated.

Whether or not the engine can be restored to a condition to be taken out of the slough, but from present appearances the machine will be introduced to the scrap pile.

Traffic past the point of the wreck was stopped for several hours, and it was nearly 9 o'clock last night when the first train went through. It is estimated that the damage to rolling stock, engine and track will foot up \$100,000, and it is stated that for general destruction the wreck was the worst one the Short Line has had for years.

Master Mechanic Tollerton and Superintendent Young went down to Sandy to straighten out matters, and had a wrecking crew had at work for several hours on the tangled-up mass.

Secured An Outlet.

A New York dispatch today says: At outlet to Montreal, has been secured by the Rutland Railroad company by the purchase of the United Counties Railway, W. Seward Webb, chairman of the Rutland's board of directors, said yesterday that the acquisition had been brought about through the efforts of H. J. Rogers, who is interested in the Rutland. Mr. Webb added that besides this the Rutland would build another outlet from Noyan Junction to some point on the Canadian Pacific.

The United Counties Railway runs from Berwick to Sorel, Quebec province, a distance of sixty-six miles. Besides, it has running powers on the Montreal and Atlantic railway. The Rutland railway has been endeavoring to gain outlet to the St. Lawrence for some time in order to be able to reach tidewater. For this purpose it acquired the Ogdensburg and Lake Champlain and built the Rutland Canadian railroad to Rouses Point and Noyan Junction. With this opening to Montreal secured the Rutland will probably be successful in its endeavor to make a traffic arrangement with the Fitchburg road, which has heretofore refused to take business from the Rutland in an effort to shut it out.

Passes Still Go.

A special to the Chicago Times-Herald from Des Moines says: After a day discussion the Hughes anti-free pass bill kicked one vote of passing in the house. Various attempts had been made to kill the bill with amendments and by the indirect means of laying it on the table. The judiciary committee has reported the bill in an amended form, making it apply only to delegates to political conventions. A minority report, restoring the bill to its original form, prohibiting issuing passes to all state and county officers including members of the legislature and district judges, was adopted by a vote of 54 to 34.

The opponents of the bill next tried to amend it by making it apply to the railway commissioners, to whom railway companies are compelled by law to furnish free transportation. This failed by a vote of 38 to 51.

The morning votes indicated that the bill would pass, but during the noon recess several members changed their minds and voted no on the final roll call. No motion to reconsider was made.

Receiver Appointed.

New York, Feb. 28.—Six-Mayors Hugh J. Grant was today appointed the temporary receiver of the Third Avenue Railroad company by Judge Lacombe of the United States court.

It is announced that the directors of the Third Avenue Railroad company have decided to defer the payment of the 1 per cent dividend due today until further orders of the board. Mechanics' liens to the amount of \$2,792,682 were filed today against the Third Avenue Railroad company by Naughton & Co., railway contractors. The John A. Reebing Sons Co. has also filed a lien against the same company.

The Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing company of Pittsburgh today filed a claim of \$267,561 against the Third Avenue and Fourth-second street, Manhattan & St. Nicholas Avenue company.

The Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co. of this city, also filed a claim for \$2,419.

The list against the company thus far aggregates \$2,686,650.

A signed statement was issued today by Vernoy & Co., Heidrich, Ickleheimer & Co., and Halgarten & Co., as follows:

"Referring to the announcement of the 22nd of February that a list of the holders of a majority of the stock of the Third Avenue Railroad company, with a view to undertaking the reorganization of its finances, we regret to state that after investigation of its affairs we have concluded that the facts do not warrant our going on with the business as proposed."

Edward Lauterbach, counsel for the company, said that when the dividend was declared a couple of weeks ago, it was the belief of the directors that all the money needed for obligations of the road would be promptly forthcoming.

RAILROAD NOTES.

Manager Shelby of the Seven Devils road is here on business.

General Traffic Manager Babcock of the Rio Grande Western returned from Denver this morning.

H. W. Early, formerly with the Salt Lake & Ogden, is now in business at Baker City, Oregon.

The Sumpter Valley railroad is said to be contemplating the letting of contracts for a 100-mile extension beyond the present terminus at Sumpter, Ore.

Union Pacific agents, operators, conductors, brakemen, engineers, firemen, switchmen, and others, are notified that they must take a physical examination at once.

Cars are running over the new railroad bridge below Kamiah and bringing up rails for the completion of the track to the mouth of Cottonwood creek, says the Grangeville, Idaho, Free Press.

A special to the Chicago Record from Galesburg, Ill., today says: Dr. J. L. Shepard, division medical director of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy relief department, accepted an appointment as surgeon in the regular army. He leaves for Manila on April first.

The Carson Appeal says that D. O. Mills and a party of Southern Pacific officials are expected to arrive in that city in a few days, from where they will proceed to the C. & C. R. R. on a tour of inspection. They will probably investigate the proposed cutoff from Wadsworth to Churchill.

TRAFFIC IS BLOCKADED.

Mississippi Valley Shrouded in Heavy Mantle of Snow.

Two to Three Feet on the Level in Places—Railway Trains, Street Cars and Other Traffic Impeded.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Traffic was blocked in parts of the city by the snowstorm which started last night. The weather bureau announced today that the snow fall was the greatest since the winter of 1898, averaging nearly seven inches in the middle western States. It was stated that the condition gave no promise of any abatement of the storm before tomorrow. The greatest snow fall, according to the weather map, is in Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, southern Michigan, northern Indiana, southeastern Iowa and southeastern Wisconsin. Railroads running through these States report trains from half an hour to five hours late. All the roads sent out their plows during the night.

In Chicago traffic was carried on with the greatest difficulty, the streets being blocked by great drifts of snow. A mile of cable cars were tied up on the north side line for hours and in other portions of the city the snow blockade was so effective that many people were compelled to wade through the snow to their places of business.

Reports received from Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana indicate that the storm is general down the Mississippi valley, although the snow line does not extend far south of St. Louis. Heavy sleet storms are reported south of St. Louis and Centralia, Ill., with much damage to the telegraph and telephone wires, while severe wind and electrical storms are reported in northern Mississippi and as far south as Independence, La.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Snow has fallen to a depth of 8 to 15 inches in Illinois, northern Indiana and eastern Missouri, and special reports received at noon indicate that heavy snow and high winds will seriously interfere with traffic from northern Ohio and western Indiana and lower lake region and interior of New York tonight. In eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia, temperature conditions favor rain changing tonight to snow.

Kansas City, Feb. 27.—The whole southwest is a mantle of snow that lies from two to three feet deep on the level. The snow was accompanied by sleet and a strong wind, some reports of damage to stock. It was the fiercest storm experienced in the southwest for several years.

Today is bright and clear and the snow has stopped falling.

FILES AN AMENDMENT.

The Ophir Mining company filed an amendment to its articles of incorporation with the county clerk today, increasing its capital stock from \$15,000 to \$200,000, and raising the value of each share from 25 cents to \$1.

"Welcome, Evil, If
Thou Comest Alone."
One evil that cannot come alone is impure blood. If this as allowed, it is attended by kindred ailments galore. This condition means that every vein and artery of the body, instead of carrying to the organs a health-giving flow of life, is laden with a slow and impure fluid that is harming instead of healing.

It is unfortunate when there is "bad blood" inside of you. Hood's Sarsaparilla will not make enemies friends, but it will make "bad blood" good blood, and blood should be of the best quality. Hood's never disappoints.

Grip—"After a severe attack of grip, my health was poor. I got no relief until I used Hood's Sarsaparilla, which did what was needed, purified my blood." M. M. Stewart, Oriskany, Mass.

Liver Troubles—"My wife and I are advanced in years and have derived great benefit from Hood's Sarsaparilla for liver and stomach. We do not think of being without it and Hood's Pills." Hiram Harvey, Ellsfield, Mich.

Hood's Sarsaparilla NEVER DISAPPOINTS.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, the non-drugging and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The Tea for 1900

For every day of every month.

A panacea for human ills: A harmless, refreshing, cheering drink. When the blasts of winter chill.

Pride of Japan
(Tree) Tea

Full weight pound and half pound packages.

THE MACKINTOSH ESTATE.

Will Filed for Probate in the Third District Court.

Blanche Mackintosh, the Testator's Neice Made Sole Heir—Estate Valued at \$25,000.

The will of the late Richard Mackintosh, dated April 18, 1898, has been filed for probate. The entire estate, consisting of real estate, improved and unimproved, money, mining stocks, live stock, sampling mills, etc., and valued at \$25,000, is bequeathed to the testator's neice, Blanche Mackintosh.

"I have full confidence that my neice, Blanche Mackintosh, will, out of such of my estate as she receive, properly provide for the comforts and well-being of my neice, Fanny Gibson of Toronto, Canada, but I do not charge my said neice, Blanche Mackintosh, with any duty or obligation under this paragraph of my will, being content to leave the matter solely to the judgment and discretion of my said neice, Blanche Mackintosh, and my estate, shall not, nor shall any portion thereof, be charged with any obligation under this paragraph of my will. * * * And if my said neice, Blanche Mackintosh, so elects, she need not make any provision for the comfort or well-being of said Fanny Gibson."

Charles Read and Blanche are named as executors, to act without bonds.

Filed with the will was a petition praying that letters testamentary issue to the executor. The deceased, the petition recites, left no wife, father, mother or children, and that the only choice is Blanche Mackintosh.

The heirs of the decedent are named in the petition as Mary H. Hall, sister, residing in London, England; Annie Laurie May Irwin, Eliza F. Porman, neices, all residing in London; Angus R. Gibson, nephew, residing at Prospect, Nev.; Fanny Gibson, neice, Toronto, Canada; and Blanche Mackintosh, the sole devisee.

The hearing on the petition was set for March 10th.

NEWSPAPERMEN'S BANQUET

Feast for the Utah Editors at the Kenyon Saturday.

On Saturday evening next Don Porter, of the Kenyon, will tender the newspapermen's banquet. Secretary Felt sent out invitations to members of the newspaper craft throughout the State, and in case he should have overlooked anyone he desires to have it known that it was unintentional on his part. All State newspaper men not having received the invitation may consider themselves invited upon reading this notice, and are requested to notify Corresponding Secretary D. P. Felt, care Desert News office, at once, as to their intention.

In addition to the banquet a fine literary and musical program will be carried out, the numbers embracing many of the city's best talent.

WILL BE BROUGHT BACK.

John Edwards, an Escaped Convict, Will Finish His Term.

Acting Governor Hammond has issued regulation papers upon the Governor of Missouri for the return to Utah of Frank Edwards, alias John Johnson, an escaped prisoner. Johnson was convicted of burglary committed in Oregon in September, 1898, and sentenced to ten years. Three weeks after he was locked up in the "pen" he escaped. He is now serving a term in the Missouri State prison, which expires March 6. Edwards is also wanted in California where the officials are anxious he should finish serving a fifteen years sentence.

PENSIONS GRANTED.

(SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—The following pensions have been granted: Utah—Widow and minors of Milby H. Timmons, of Vernal, \$20.

Idaho—Original, Harrison Cowen, of American Falls, \$5.

MEANS BUSINESS.

Sanpete-Sevier Sugar Company Going Earnestly to Work.

A convention held in Gunnison on the 23rd inst. by beet growers and others interested in the beet sugar industry, and the enterprise of the Sanpete-Sevier Sugar Company passed the following resolutions:

"That the central committee be now authorized to solicit subscription of capital to establish manufacturing plants. And also to select assistance to effect subscription sufficient and preparatory to incorporation.

"That the central committee shall make timely inquiry and investigations of all necessary matters, for the purpose of having beet sugar plants in running order in Aug. 1901.

"That the committee be successful in effecting all that the public desire, and it is expected that at least a part of the proposed system of beet sugar works will be in running order in the month of August, 1901.

WOMEN MEET.

Federation of Clubs Will Have an Interesting Time.

At 10 o'clock tomorrow morning the business committee of the Federation of Women's clubs will meet at Mrs. McKicker's, and at 1:45 the educational committee will listen to an interesting lecture on the "Public Schools." Miss Hiram Harvey, Ellsfield, Mich.

HOME FROM MEXICO.

Mrs. Ellen Jakeman Talks of the Mormon Colonies There.

Mrs. Ellen Jakeman of Provo was in Salt Lake today for the first time since her return from Mexico in which country she has been traveling for the past five months. During her absence Mrs. Jakeman visited all of the "Mormon" colonies in Mexico and says that they are in an exceedingly prosperous condition and that the government has been very liberal with them in the matter of land grants and other concessions. The climate she says is the best in the world. The "Mormon" settlements, which were for a time of necessity somewhat primitive in character, are everywhere being superseded by brick structures of a substantial character. A somewhat anomalous condition as to securing fire wood exists in some sections, the people being compelled to go down in the ground for wood and climb the mountains for water. The wood consists of the roots of a brush known as mesquite. These are quite plentiful and at full growth are about the size of a man's body.

Mrs. Jakeman says that in September last she saw corn 15 feet high with five and six large ears on a single stalk. All new fruit grows there in abundance and wheat of good quality can also be raised. Watermelons are "self-planting" and grow in luxuriant profusion. As to school advantages, Mrs. Jakeman says they are excellent—almost as good as in Utah.

CHURCH NEWS.

HIGH COUNCIL.

The High Council of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion will convene in regular session tomorrow, Thursday, at 7:30 p. m. Members of the council and any one having business to come before it, please take note of this.

RELIEF SOCIETY CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Salt Lake Stake Relief society will convene tomorrow morning, March 3rd, 1900, in the Assembly Hall. Meetings will begin at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. A full attendance of officers and members is required.

All interested in Relief Society work are cordially invited.

M. ISABELLA HORNE, President.
CLARA C. CANNON, Counselors.

Owing to the removal to Idaho of Mrs. Susan Burns, late president of the Young Ladies Mutual Improvement association of the Twenty-third ward, a reorganization became necessary, and Mrs. Addie S. Felt was chosen to succeed Mrs. Burns. Mrs. Felt selected Misses Hannah Lundin and Hazel Jones as counselors. The ladies were set apart by the Bishopric of the ward last night.

Conference of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement associations of Sanpete Stake will be held at Ephraim on Saturday and Sunday evenings, March 3rd and 4th, in connection with the regular stake conference.

A farewell will be given to Robert Meyerhofer prior to his departure on a mission to Germany, at the Tenth ward assembly rooms, Thursday, March 1st, at 8 p. m. A good program will be rendered followed by a dance.

SALT LAKE TO LOS ANGELES.

Meeting of Railroad Men to Complete the Connecting Line.

REACHING FOR CHLORIDE.

Only 230 Miles from Uvada, on the Utah & Pacific-Lake Via Colorado River.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 28.—A meeting of railroad men is scheduled to take place in this city in a few weeks the object of which will be to devise ways and means for completing the Arizona and Utah railroad to a connection with the Oregon Short Line, which at present runs from Milford, Utah, 230 miles southeast of Salt Lake City, a distance of 90 miles to the Utah line, where a new terminus known as Uvada has been established.

The extension contemplated will follow the Rio Virgin Valley by an easy grade to the north bank of the Colorado, nearly opposite the proposed terminus of the Arizona and Utah railroad. The two systems will then be connected by a bridge across the river and the short and direct route to Salt Lake will be completed.

The gap which now separates Chloride from Uvada is only 230 miles. When this road is completed, Los Angeles will be only twenty hours' ride from Salt Lake City.

"The Arizona & Utah line at present runs from Kingman northward to Chloride, and is headed for the Colorado river.

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ELECT NATIONAL DELEGATES.

Politicians Hold the Fort in This City Today and the Remainder of the Week.

Democratic delegates to the State convention are swooping down on the city today, and they hail from all parts of the State. Among them are men familiar with the political history of Utah and whose faces are familiar to convention attenders.

The convention will meet in the Salt Lake Theater at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congressman, and also to elect six delegates to the national convention.

The resolutions committee of fifteen members held a final meeting this afternoon and finished their work, the result of which will be reported tomorrow. It is thought that immediately after the appointment of the committee in the morning an adjournment will be taken until an early hour in the afternoon. It is hoped that a nomination will be made in the afternoon so that a night session will be obviated.

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VERNON BISHOPRIC.

Apostle Lyman Returns After Assisting in its Reorganization.

Apostle Francis M. Lyman returned to Salt Lake last evening after a visit to Vernon, Tooele county, where he assisted in the reorganization of the bishopric of that place. The reorganization was made necessary by the removal to this city of Elder John C. Sharp, who has presided over the place as Bishop for the past twenty-three years. For a couple of years prior to that he was president of the Vernon branch. Under his administration it quickly grew into a ward and as a ward it has been frequently, says Apostle Lyman, cited as a model.

In yielding up the trust Elder Sharp leaves the little ward in an exceedingly prosperous condition. It has a meeting house, amusement hall and other ecclesiastical necessities all unincumbered, not owing a single dollar or any ward obligation. Bishop Sharp's counselors were E. J. Pherson and Israel Bennion. Under the reorganization Israel Bennion was made Bishop and Emil Pherson and Charles Anderson counselors. Tonight a grand reception will be tendered the retiring and incoming officers. Elder Sharp and his wife will be present. The latter has been the treasurer of the local Relief Society for many years, and was ever an active worker in it and will be much missed.

H. F. HOPGOOD ARRESTED.

He is Accused of Purchasing Stolen Chickens—Pleads Not Guilty.

H. F. Hopgood, who keeps a store on Fifth South and Second East, was arrested by Officer Sperry this afternoon on the charge of buying stolen chickens. He pleaded not guilty before Judge Timmony, and will have his trial about the fifteenth. He gave bonds in the sum of \$250. Ex-Senator Arthur Brown is Hopgood's attorney.

LATE LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. James Saville, manager of the crockery department of the Z. C. M. L. accompanied by his wife, leave for the East tonight on a business trip, to be gone about three weeks.

The regular monthly meeting of the Twenty-third quorum of Seventy will be held in the Seventh ward meeting house tomorrow (Thursday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Tabernacle choir will meet in regular rehearsal at its hall on Richards street tomorrow night.

Alfred Starbridge, a native of England, was admitted to citizenship in the Third district court today.

A marriage license was granted today to Elsie F. Young, 28, of Salt Lake City, and Phoebe Rodeback, 24, of Milton, Tooele county.

AGED WOMAN DEAD.

Special per Desert Telegraph.

Neph, Juab County, February 28.—Mrs. Maranda Bryan, aged 81 years, died here today at 2:30 p. m., after an illness of five days. She was one of the early settlers of this place, coming here in 1852.

AMUSEMENTS.

James Shesgreen, the advance agent of the Louis James-Kathryn Kidder Charles B. Hanford combination, is sick at the Kenyon hotel in this city. Although serious results are not anticipated, Mr. Shesgreen is suffering from a severe attack of the mumps, a disease he fortunately escaped in childhood only to be overtaken by it in middle life.

Manager Pyper of the Salt Lake Theater said this afternoon that he was already receiving numerous inquiries concerning the possibility of securing seats for the James-Kidder-Hanford performances next week. The company opens on Wednesday night.

Rusco and Holida's minstrels give their last performance at the Grand tonight. They played to a large house this afternoon, and a very heavy sale for this evening has been made.

CONDEMNATION SUIT.

City Wants the Use of the Draper Canal to Bring More Water.

Salt Lake City vs the East Jordan Irrigation company is the title of an action that has been filed by City Attorney Stephens in the Third district court.

The suit is brought for the purpose of having condemned the defendant company's canal, known as the Draper canal, for the use of the city to convey the proposed additional supply of water to Salt Lake from the Utah lake.

The prayer of the complaint is that the city be allowed to enlarge the Draper canal from the point of diversion of the water from the Jordan river at Narrows to Cottonwood, so that it will carry 500 cubic feet of the city's water per second in addition to the defendant company's water.

Another Unhappy Wife.

Ferra Decker, a painter by trade, has been made defendant in a suit for divorce brought by his wife, Lysie Decker.

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